

COMPLETE LISTING OF CLAIMS INCLUDING AMENDMENTS

1. (amended) An apparatus for activating ~~a function of~~ a device, comprising:
 - an elongated tubular member having a lumen extending from a proximal end to a distal end, wherein said lumen is adapted to translatablely receive therein ~~said a device to be activated~~ therein;
 - a retaining mechanism located within said lumen at said distal end for retaining ~~said a device to be activated~~ within said lumen when said device is translated proximally within said lumen;
 - a resistive load means positioned within said lumen and adapted to contact ~~said a device to be activated~~ received within said lumen, said resistive load means having a first resistive load level and a second resistive load level ~~wherein said second resistive load level is greater than said first resistive load level~~;
 - a rod positioned within said lumen proximal to said resistive load means, said rod being translatable within said lumen;
 - an actuating mechanism located within said lumen and adapted to activate a device to be activated within said lumen when said device is translated within said lumen;
 - and
 - a locking mechanism for locking onto said rod; wherein when a force applied to ~~said a device to be activated~~ is in turn applied to said resistive load means ~~wherein, when~~ and said applied force is sufficient to overcome said first resistive load level, ~~said the~~ device ~~function~~ is activated and ~~further~~, when said applied force is sufficient to overcome said second resistive load level, said locking mechanism locks onto said rod.
2. (original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said resistive load means comprises a spring.
3. (amended) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said second resistive load level is greater than said first resistive load level.

4. (original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the resistive load means comprises at least two resistive load members, and wherein said load members comprise a first load member and a second load member.

5. (original) The apparatus of claim 4 wherein the second load member has a resistive load that is about 2 times to about 10 times that of the first load member.

6. (amended) The apparatus of claim 4 wherein the first load member has a resistive load of about 1 N ~~0.5 to 3 lbf~~, and the second load member has a resistive load of about 5 N ~~1 to 30 lbf~~.

7. (amended) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein ~~said activating of said~~ activation of a device to be activated is achieved by pushing, pulling, or turning a portion of the device when present in the apparatus.

8. (cancelled)

9. (amended) The apparatus of claim 8 wherein the ~~implant~~ retaining member mechanism comprises a leaf-spring.

10. (amended) A kit comprising the apparatus of claim 1 and a drug delivery device ~~the function of~~ which is designed for activation by use of the apparatus.